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Officer quits police force dramatically

HUMAN RESOURCES

Complaints by Jen Magnus Ward led to HR policy overhaul

Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

It was an uncomfortable moment at an otherwise routine Calgary Police Commission meeting.

As the force grapples to deal with its HR policy reform, a longstanding member who suffered in a workplace culture of harassment and bullying tearfully read out her formal resignation.

A serving member of the force since March 2003, Jen Magnus Ward said she was one of two members who brought forward a complaint in 2013 that resulted in Chief Rick Hansen conducting an HR audit.

She said when it was made clear that the results of the audit would be private, she FOIPed the document to share publicly.

"It was a defining moment for me when members of the Calgary police, my brothers and sisters, attacked me and many others who were victims of bullying and sexual assault and sexual harassment through the media," Ward said. "Being called entitled and sensitive was not only hurtful, a fact that no one in the CPS leadership stood up to counter those comments reaffirm for me how entrenched the issues within the organization are."

Police Chief Roger Chaffin told reporters that he is unwilling to accept her resignation under these terms.

"That's not the way that you would accept any letter of resignation," said Chaffin. "You can see how emotionally charged she was and the difficulty in that presentation."

He said the force will wait some time and circle back to talk to her about it.

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Calgary is still re-establishing its urban tree canopy after the Snowtember storm of September 2014 killed and damaged many mature trees. METRO FILE

Trees taking root again

FUNDING

City committed to restoring urban canopy to 2014 levels

Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

Calgary's tree-timber snow disaster — also known as Snowtember — happened nearly two-and-a-half years ago, but the city is still dishing out millions to make up for fallen elms and firs.

In 2017, the final tree disaster recovery plan year, the city will fund $11.8 million in awareness, pruning and planting to help the tree cover return to pre-2014 levels. After the September storm, more than 50 per cent of the city's urban forest was damaged.

After the September storm the city received over 10,000 tree emergency service requests from citizens as public trees littered yards and even streets due to the quick change in temperature and weighty snow cover.

"Over time we'll recover," said Coun. Sean Chu. "I'm hoping by this year we'll at least replant all the trees we lost, I think it's important for the city."

Chu said depending on cost, if the city hasn't planted enough trees, he'd like to see the program extended.

The tree cover will take years to regrow, as new trees being planted are young, and won't have the same leafy cover their predecessors did. Which is why as the years go on, the city has been steadily increasing the number of trees they plant to make up for the loss.

> **I think it's important for the city.**
> Coun. Sean Chu

They've also introduced the "ReTree" program, which is an awareness campaign that sets up at community gatherings and other events to give out trees and educate the public on the urban forest.

"I have personal experience with the ReTree program," said Chu. "They actually give away baby trees. I think it's really good."

The Ward 4 councillor said he himself had a beautiful tree in his front yard, but he's had to plant a little one in its place, probably 10 feet in height.

"It used to be like 30 feet tall, a huge tree, bigger than my arms could go around it," said Chu.

In 2017, the city's goals are to check in with urban forest industry and see what's new, along with how they can continue to educate Calgarians on our urban canopy. In a report to councillors administration used terms like "creating a culture of tree pride in Calgary.

SEX ASSAULT CASE

Accused acquitted in retrial

A man retried on a sexual assault charge as a result of controversial comments by the original trial judge shouted "Yeah!" as he left the courtroom Tuesday after being found not guilty a second time.

Alexander Wagar, 29, smiled as the verdict was delivered by Judge Gerry LeGrandeur, who said he was left with reasonable doubt that a sexual assault had occurred.

The Calgary provincial court judge said neither the accused nor the complainant delivered completely reliable testimonies, but he found Wagar's version more candid.

"I do not consider his testimony, in particular what happened immediately preceding this incident or during the course of the incident, to be incredible or implausible."

Wager was acquitted in 2014 by Judge Robin Camp, who ruled Wagar was a more credible witness than the 19-year-old woman who made the allegation. Camp called the woman "the accused" throughout that trial and asked her why she couldn't keep her knees together.

But LeGrandeur said sympathy for her did not change the legal requirement that guilt be proven beyond a reasonable doubt.

The complainant, now in her 20s, was not informed that the verdict was coming two hours earlier. She arrived at the courtroom after it had concluded. She was too distraught to speak to reporters. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Jury shown disturbing searches

TRIAL

Expert tells court what was on Garland's hard drive

Lucie Edwardson
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Kathryn Liknes, Alvin Liknes, Schalge lock drilling, surgical tools, amputation retractor, torture and cryomation promession were just a few of the searches found on the hard drive retrieved from the rafters in Douglas Garland's basement.

Const. Doug Kraan, a expert in digital forensic examinations for the Calgary Police Service, took the jury through dozens of internet searches found on the hard drive, Tuesday, on day 11 of Garland's triple murder trial.

Garland is charged with three counts of first-degree murder in the apparent slayings of Alvin and Kathy Liknes and their five-year-old grandson Nathan O'Brien in the summer of 2014.

In their opening statement, the Crown said the hard drive contained "meticulous, pain staking research," including "how to kill without emotion, research on torture, research of the Likneses… research showing a fascination with autopsies and the female body being autopsied and dissected, and a fascination with restrained and diapered women."

Monday, jurors were shown many photos of diapered women and amputated body parts, also found on the hard drive.

Further, Kraan said numerous searches were done into lock picking, Schlage locks, and specifically into drilling a Schalge BE365 lock, the same kind of lock found drilled into on the Likneses' side door.

The digital forensic examiner said he also located Google map pins of the Liknes home and ads posted by the couple for their estate sale, as well as searches into their social media profiles. He said there was also a photo found on the hard drive of Kathy Liknes.

Kraan told court about a file found on the hard drive titled 'torture,' that included numerous searches into torture techniques and books on the matter, including one called 25 Most Brutal Torture Techniques Ever Devised.

The hard drive located hidden in the rafters of the basement furnace room of the Garland home. CONTRIBUTED

He also told the jurors about searches done inquiring about removing blood and DNA, pointing to one called DNA Exitus Plus.

Garland was charged in the deaths of Alvin, Kathy and Nathan on July 15, 2014.

Last week, court heard evidence from investigators who discovered possible teeth and bone fragments at the Garland farm in an ash pile, along with a slew of weapons, restraints and chemicals including liquid nitrogen in the multiple buildings on the farm.

Kraan will be cross examined by the defence Tuesday afternoon.

Employees of Princess Auto and CTR refrigeration took the stand Tuesday afternoon. They took the jury through a number of receipts of purchase and surveillance footage showing Garland inside Princess Auto.

Amongst things purchased at Princess Auto was a hack saw and metal hooks. In their opening statement the Crown said DNA from Kathy Liknes was found on similar hooks at the Garland farm.

THE EVIDENCE

- Searches on killing, adult diapering found on hard drive in triple murder trial
- Bone, teeth, glasses and shackles amongst debris in ash pit from Garland farm
- Restraints, weapons, hacksaw amongst items seized from Garland farm

Det. Colin Harper, who was a member of the CPS economic crimes unit in 2014 also took the stand Tuesday.

Harper talked about how he used Garland's bank records to confirm the purchases made at both CTR and Princess Auto.

He identified the hacksaw and metal hooks to the jurors as matches for those he saw at Princess Auto.

He also told court he'd confirmed the Likneses and Nathan never made duplicate passports, left the country, or made any suspicious financial transactions before or after their disappearances.

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DISASTER PLANS

Updated flood regulations could drive up property taxes

Brodie Thomas
Metro | Calgary

The provincial government is updating its flood maps, but Alberta Party leader Greg Clark is warning that it could have dire implications for tax rates in Calgary.

The Ministry of Environment and Parks is currently working on floodway maps that could help the province prepare for the next big flood, and make planning decisions.

"The Municipal Affairs department is going to use those maps to create something called floodway development regulations which means restrictions on what you can and can't do in the floodway," said Clark.

His concern is that flood mitigation factors including upgrades to the Glenmore Reservoir and the planned Springbank Dam aren't being considered, meaning the floodway could extend much farther into communities than it does on current maps.

"It will have a huge impact on property values, both business and residential, because all the sudden, what wasn't in the floodway before now is, and people will say, 'I'm not going to buy that house,'" said Clark.

The province is drawing maps to determine those boundaries, but one MLA is worried policies tied to those maps could devastate home values. METRO FILE

Clarke said the resulting drop in property value could be similar to the recent drop in commercial values in the downtown core, but on a wider scale. Other property owners outside the flood zone would have to pick up the slack in higher taxes.

Coun. Gian-Carlo Carra said he has faith that the matter will be resolved before anything too drastic happens, but he's glad Clark is bringing the matter to light.

He noted that the berm protecting Inglewood worked in the 2013 flood, and that more measures are being put in place.

"Now we're building Springbank — we're spending a huge amount of money to increase the height of the Glenmore reservoir," said Carra.

He said there are advisors in the provincial government who would like to see all floodways vacated, but he said it only makes sense financially to keep investing in flood protection, rather than relocating.

Metro reached out to the Ministries of Municipal Affairs and Environment and Parks, but calls were not returned by deadline.

Calgary Flames winger Garnet Hathaway reacts to a goal scored by the Townsend Tigers at an annual wheelchair hockey game at the Alberta Children's Hospital on Tuesday.
ELIZABETH CAMERON/FOR METRO

Tigers defeat Flames again

CHARITY

Townsend team still unbeaten at wheelchair hockey

Elizabeth Cameron
For Metro | Calgary

The Townsend Tigers tasted victory yet again, beating the Calgary Flames by a mile in their annual game of wheelchair hockey.

The teams faced off at the Alberta Children's Hospital for the 36th time on Tuesday, with the Tigers securing a shut out for a final score of 15-0.

36
Number of defeats the Calgary Flames have suffered from the Townsend Tigers

"It's always fun to see the smiles on the kid's faces," said Flames defenceman T.J. Brodie, a wheelchair hockey veteran of six years. Some of his teammates had a hard time transitioning from skates to wheels.

"It's hard trying to hold a stick and move around at the same time — our guys are pretty slow out there," Brodie said.

"The kids always beat us pretty bad, but it's always a good time."

The Tigers hail from Dr. Gordon Townsend School at the hospital. The young patients are often admitted and discharged multiple times during the course of their treatment, but the school is there to fill in gaps until patients are done with hospital visits for good.

Diana Vastien's daughter Isis was seriously injured in a car crash more than a year ago.

The 10-year-old has been in and out of hospital several times, and Vastien said the hockey game brought some fun to what has otherwise been a tough year.

"It means a lot because she hasn't been able to do physical activity for more than a year," Vastien said.

"It helps to lift her spirits."

Isis played a tough game, scoring several goals for the Tigers.

"She always follows hockey — she loves the Flames and the L.A. Kings," Vastien said.

Maybe the Flames will come up with a winning strategy for next year — until then, the Tigers get to savour more than three decades of triumph.

TRANSPORT

Taxi numbers show rise in ride volume

Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

The taxi industry is revving up — no, really.

December 2016 taxi trip volumes show that cabs outpaced their 2015 and 2014 trips — even as they spar against competitors like Uber and Tappcar.

What's a mystery to the city's newly minted Chief Livery Inspector Abdul Rafih, is being taken as a sign of better times ahead by Checker Cab owner Kurt Enders. In Dec 2014, during a taxi boom of sorts, the fleet took on 664,860 trips, and this past December 674,214 trips were completed — a small but noticeable boost.

"I think the economy is starting to turn around, people are starting to find jobs that have lost their jobs — I'm guessing," said Enders. "It's nice to see things are starting to head in the right direction. We're seeing on our stats alone that our trip count has gone up as well."

His early January numbers for last week, are showing a three per cent increase over last year's trip volumes, which to him shows that the December trend has continued.

Typically, transportation industries see the economy shift well before others — but although the numbers are encouraging, Enders is careful to note some chilly December weather conditions that could have encouraged riders to choose cabs instead of transit or walking.

What's not clear is the role that the city's ridesharing partners had in this shift. According to Rafih there are now more than 1,000 transportation network company drivers operating in the city, up from the hundreds in Dec. 2016 after Uber re-launched.

"When I saw those numbers I was a bit surprised," Rafih said.

He speculated that perhaps customers were "going back to what they know" as the TNCs launched.

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WOOD BUFFALO

Region cuts jobs

The regional municipality that includes Fort McMurray says it is cutting 168 jobs due to the economic effects of last spring's wildfire and Alberta's slumping oilsands industry.

The municipality says the job cuts include managers and union staff as well as 46 vacant positions.

Wood Buffalo Mayor Melissa Blake says in a news release that the community faces a challenging year and changes won't be easy.

Blake says the reorganization should save about $24 million a year.

The municipality also cites the potential impact of changes to Alberta municipal tax laws for the cuts.

"Changes like this in an organization are never easy," Blake said Tuesday in the release.

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TRAFFIC

One dead after collision

Police say poor road and weather conditions were contributing factors in a crash north of Calgary that left one person dead and multiple people injured.

Mounties say the crash involving a semi tractor-trailer and two other vehicles happened around 9:30 a.m. Tuesday on Highway 2 about two kilometres north of Bowden.

Traffic was diverted to Highway 2A at Bowden and southern lanes of Highway 2 are open except for the inside lane.

RCMP continue to investigate.

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Calgary photographer Sebastian Jarmula uses liquids to contaminate his film, creating surreal effects. His new gallery opens with the Exposure Photo Festival. COURTESY SEBASTIAN JARMULA

Photographic art in extra-vivid colour

CREATIVITY

Liquids introduced to finishing process

Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

Calgary photographer Sebastian Jarmula is going for that faded summer, psychedelic kind of painterly abstraction with his newest exhibition.

I Am So Emulsional opens to the public as part of the annual Exposure Photo Festival, which has been celebrating photographic image making since 2004.

Jarmula's fluid style embraces the use of literal fluids for this exhibition. For example, he let a reel of film soak inside a jar of juice, before inserting it into his camera and snapping away.

"When I took this approach, I took the risk of potentially ruining a good photo," he laughed. With all the shots he took, Jarmula essentially used some kind of liquid to contaminate the original negatives, either before or after taking the photos, just to see what kind of surrealist effect he could create.

His subject was summertime in Calgary — shots of downtown, and people enjoying the weather.

After shooting and contaminating the photos, Jarmula processed them in his basement dark room, and even printed them himself, having full control of how every image was presented.

He's been a photographer for about seven years, and loves the flexibility and spectrum of decisions that goes into shooting even the simplest idea.

"I like how it (photography) can capture a moment. I like how it can suspend something in time, and in a way, act as something that's lasting, almost forever," he explained. "That fleeting moment you can capture for a lifetime."

I Am So Emulsional goes up at the ArtPoint Gallery in Inglewood, running from Feb. 2 to 26.

The Exposure Photo Festival features dozens of photographers in nearly 40 venues across the province, running from Feb. 1 to 28th. Aside from the exhibitions, the festival also hosts portfolio reviews by professional photographers and curators, along with talks and presentations.

For more information, visit www.exposurephotofestival.com.

OFF-ROADING

Quadders fight ban on trail use

Off-highway vehicle users are fighting a government plan to keep them out of new parks proposed for southwestern Alberta.

Members of the Quad Squad, a group of riders from the Crowsnest Pass area, say they were blindsided by the province's recent announcement that it will close all trails for off-highway vehicles within five years in the two parks in the Castle wilderness area.

"We are concerned that the public input has not been properly addressed," said Gary Clark of the riders group.

Clark said a public board appointed by the province to advise it on management of the 1,000-square-kilometre region hasn't even had a chance to make recommendations.

Environment Minister Shannon Phillips said new information caused the reversal.

"It's the science," she said Tuesday.

A recent analysis found the region has a road density of between one and 3.5 kilometres per square kilometre. Alberta's threshold for bear recovery is no more than 0.75 kilometres per square kilometre.

Overuse also threatens downstream water users, said Phillips.

Clark said more than $2 million has already been spent in the Castle wilderness to build bridges and move trails away from streams — infrastructure that could become stranded.

"We're not calling for a total reinstatement of all the trail system. We're calling for being able to use the OHV trails that are already properly constructed."

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It's curtains for Othello

ALBERTA

Threats follow casting of woman in lead, theatre says

Kevin Maimann
Metro | Edmonton

An actress slated to play Othello in a controversial Edmonton theatre production has apologized after the show was cancelled.

Walterdale Theatre announced late Monday that it was cancelling the production after actors were threatened over the casting of a white woman in the lead role.

The role, that of a powerful Moorish general of the Venetian army, is traditionally played by a man of colour.

Linette Smith posted to Facebook Tuesday that she made a mistake by accepting the role.

"I am so sorry and I own it 100%. I did not think through in the accepting of Othello and the impact and pain it would cause," she wrote, adding her choice set a bad example and she is grateful for the conversation that has happened as a result of the controversy.

"I pledge to do better, to grow and heighten my awareness and sensitivity and understanding of privilege," she wrote.

Edmonton Police Service spokesman Scott Pattison said an individual from the Walterdale Theatre who allegedly received online threats met with an EPS constable Tuesday but chose not to file a formal complaint.

Walterdale Theatre says it received threats over the casting of a white woman, Linette J. Smith, in the title role. SUPPLIED

JUSTICE SYSTEM

Man who beheaded bus passenger seeks discharge

The mother of a man beheaded by a fellow bus passenger in Manitoba says her son's killer is seeking an absolute discharge almost eight years after he was found not criminally responsible.

Carol de Delley, in a social media post last week, said justice officials told her Vince Li — who now goes by the name Will Baker — will ask the Criminal Code Review Board for a discharge at a hearing Feb. 6.

If granted, no conviction will be registered and he won't be required to follow any conditions, de Delley wrote on Facebook.

"The offender is finished with their case that day," she wrote.

Baker killed Tim McLean during a bus trip along the Trans-Canada Highway near Portage la Prairie in July 2008. He sat next to the 22-year-old McLean on the bus after the young man smiled at him and asked how he was doing.

Baker said he heard the voice of God telling him to kill the young carnival worker or "die immediately."

He repeatedly stabbed McLean while the young man fought for his life. As passengers fled the bus, Baker continued stabbing and mutilating the body before he was arrested.

He was found to be not criminally responsible due to a mental illness — schizophrenia.

Baker was originally kept in a secure wing at the Selkirk Mental Health Centre, but the board has granted him increasing freedoms almost every year.

His medical team has said he has been a model patient and understands the need to continue to take anti-psychotic medication.

At his last review board hearing, Baker was granted the right to live on his own, but subject to monitoring and random drug tests.

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GOVERNMENT

Parliament debates Trump's Muslim ban

The Liberal government is holding the line on its immigration and refugee policy in the wake of the U.S. travel ban, but leaving the door open to future adjustments as they continue to study the far-reaching - and fast-changing - implications.

"We have a very robust and welcoming refugee system," Immigration Minister Ahmed Hussen said Tuesday.

"We don't develop policy on the fly. We have to make sure that we understand all the implications, to make sure that we stick to our numbers and make sure that we develop policy after careful consideration of all the implications."

The Liberal cabinet minister was responding to calls - including from the New Democrats - to do more to fill the gaps left by U.S. President Donald Trump's temporary immigration ban on people from seven Muslim-majority countries and his indefinite bar to Syrian refugees.

"Canada must step up to do its part," said NDP immigration critic Jenny Kwan. "There is much more that Canada can do and must do."

At Kwan's request, MPs held an emergency debate Tuesday evening on the U.S. travel ban and how Canada should respond.

In the debate, NDP Leader Tom Mulcair urged the government to lift an "artificial, arbitrary" cap on the number of Syrian refugees who can be brought to Canada through private sponsorships, which is currently set at 1,000 applications — a target that was reached over the weekend.

"A cap such as this one, especially when the United States has banned admission to Syrian refugees for an indeterminate time is completely unacceptable and goes against the international law that has been advocated since the Second World War," Mulcair said.

In a weekend tweet that was seen as a thinly veiled response to Trump's measures, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau promoted Canada as a country that welcomes refugees, no matter their religion, and considers the diversity of its people to be a strength.

During question period on Tuesday, Mulcair asked Trudeau whether he plans to denounce the U.S. travel ban when he meets Trump.

"Canadians expect their prime minister to stand up for their values, for our principles, and to advocate compassion and generosity," Trudeau replied. "I am here to defend Canadian values and I will do so loudly and clearly."

Trudeau and Trump are indeed expected to meet at some point in the coming days.

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NDP Leader Tom Mulcair urged the Liberals to lift a cap on the number of privately sponsored Syrian refugees. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Azzedine Najd and Fadwa Achmaoui stand by a memorial near their mosque which was site of a deadly shooting on Tuesday in Quebec City. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Muslim community struggling with shock

QUEBEC CITY

Families of victims relying on charitable donations

Ahmed Ech-Chahedy was standing about 30 metres away when the gunfire started.

The man carried an "assault rifle," he said. He took his time. And his face was not covered — contrary to early reports, he said in an interview.

Ech-Chahedy, a taekwando instructor, was with his son and one of the boy's friends, when the shooter entered the mosque.

"If I think about it, it probably lasted five or six minutes," said Ech-Chahedy, who managed to flee the building and shelter in a nearby restaurant. "It was planned because even the way he fired at people—he was calm."

Police investigating the terror attack at a Quebec City mosque have received witness accounts that an individual matching the description of the shooter was seen outside the building several days prior to the shooting.

Mohamed Labidi, the vice president of the Centre Culturel Islamique de Québec, told Torstar that, during a Monday night meeting, one member of the Muslim community claimed to have been approached a few days earlier by an individual who was asking for money.

Labidi said they claimed that the person was in fact the alleged killer, 27-year-old Alexandre Bissonnette, who is charged with six counts of murder and five counts of attempted murder.

The consequences of the shooter's actions are known now to all: Six men are dead while two more remain in hospital in critical but stable condition.

But a Muslim community that is still struggling with shock and grief is also now being forced to cope with the administration of a murderous tragedy that has widowed and orphaned women and children and ripped apart families and friendships.

So far, the families of the dead are relying on charitable donations from organizations like Islamic Relief, which sent a team of people from Montreal and the Toronto area to assess the needs and coordinate delivery of the necessary support.

In a six-storey apartment building a short drive from the mosque where Ibrahima Barry, 39, and Mamadou Tanou Barry, 42, had gone together to pray, the halls of the fifth and sixth floors were strewn with boots and crowded with women bringing food and men making telephone calls and offering handshakes of condolence.

Among them was Mamoudou Afia Barry, the older brother of Mamadou Tanou, who had just arrived in town from his home in Columbus, Ohio, and was being briefed on what help and arrangements the Guinean community in Quebec City had already offered and what else was available.

"The decision we have to make is whether to take his body back (to Guinea) or have the funeral here, since his mom is here and his wife and kids are here," he said. "That's what we are trying to figure out right now."

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IN BRIEF

Amnesty calls for action

Amnesty Canada has joined the chorus of activists asking the federal government to repeal its Safe Third Country Agreement with the U.S. in light of an executive order banning travel from seven Muslim countries. "The United States is failing to protect refugees," says a statement on Amnesty's website. The organization is asking supporters to reach out to their MPs and express their views.

METRO

PMO slams Fox News for wrong tweet about mosque shooting in Quebec City

One of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's senior officials is taking Fox News to task for describing the alleged gunman in the Quebec City shooting as Moroccan.

Kate Purchase, director of communications in the Prime Minister's Office, pointed out the "false and misleading language" in a letter to Fox News Channel co-president Bill Shine that was released to the media Tuesday.

"Canada is an open, welcoming country that stands by its citizens," Purchase wrote in the letter, which goes well beyond simply asking for a correction.

"We are a nation of millions of immigrants and refugees, of hundreds of cultures, languages and religions bound by one, unwavering, unshakable belief: we are stronger not in spite of our differences, but because of them.

"These tweets by Fox News dishonour the memory of the six victims and their families by spreading misinformation, playing identity politics, and perpetuating fear and division within our communities."

The tweet appeared to be a consequence of early police reports in the wake of the shooting that said two suspects had been taken into custody. Later reports said one of those people was not a suspect, but a witness.

Purchase noted the tweet appeared early Monday afternoon, but has yet to be deleted despite the fact police have confirmed that the sole suspect, Alexandre Bissonnette, is a 27-year-old man of French-Canadian origin.

By early Tuesday evening, the tweet had been retweeted more than 900 times, and liked about 1,600 times. It also had about 7,200 replies, many of them pointing out the inaccuracy and calling for a correction.

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Donald Trump's administration: *Muslim ban*

E.U. President Donald Tusk, right, said the Trump administration is part of an external "threat," together with China, Russia, radical Islam, war and terror. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/GETTY IMAGES

Europe calls U.S. a 'threat'

POLITICS

EU chief groups ally with Russia and China

The leader of the European Union put longtime ally the United States in a "threat" category on Tuesday, insisting that President Donald Trump is contributing to the "highly unpredictable" outlook for the bloc.

In a letter to 27 EU leaders before Friday's summit in Malta, EU President Donald Tusk mentioned the Trump administration as part of an external "threat" together with China, Russia, radical Islam, war and terror.

Echoing statements from many European capitals, he said that those global challenges, "as well as worrying declarations by the new American administration, all make our future highly unpredictable."

He said that "particularly the change in Washington puts the European Union in a difficult situation; with the new administration seeming to put into question the last 70 years of American foreign policy."

This year marks the centennial of the U.S. entry in the First World War, and it marked the beginning of the American century as well as the enduring trans-Atlantic bond with Europe. Tensions have risen though since Trump was elected U.S. president.

"We should remind our American friends of their own motto: United we stand, divided we fall," Tusk said in the letter.

Britain wasn't part of the letter since it is poised to leave the EU and is only scheduled to attend part of the leaders' meeting in La Valletta. The decision to leave was the biggest setback for the EU in decades, and Trump didn't endear himself with many EU leaders by saying that Brexit "will be a tremendous asset and not a tremendous liability."

Tusk wrote: "In politics, the argument of dignity must not be overused," before adding that "today we must stand up very clearly for our dignity, the dignity of a united Europe."

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Trump announces Supreme Court pick

U.S. President Donald Trump has nominated federal appeals judge Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court.

Trump made the announcement Tuesday in a prime-time address from the White House.

The 49-year-old Gorsuch served on the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver since 2006, after being appointed by President George W. Bush. He once worked at the Supreme Court as a law clerk.

If approved by the Senate, Gorsuch would take the seat left vacant since Justice Antonin Scalia died last year. Republicans refused to consider Barack Obama's nominee for the seat, saying the choice should go Obama's successor.

Donald Trump and Neil Gorsuch at a televised address Tuesday. SUSAN WALSH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Gorsuch would be the youngest justice since Clarence Thomas joined the court in 1991 at age 43.

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Academics speak out against ban

More than 4,000 university professors, administrators and researchers have signed a petition to boycott international academic conferences in the U.S. to show solidarity with Muslim colleagues affected by U.S. President Donald Trump's travel ban.

"It is a support to our (Muslim) colleagues in this beleaguered time," said Haroon Akram-Lodhi, an economics and international development studies professor at Trent University in Peterborough, one of many Canadian academics on board.

Another online petition denouncing the ban led by American academics has collected more than 18,000 signatures, including 50 Nobel Laureates.

A National Science Foundation report found 5.2 million of the 29 million scientists and engineers in the U.S. are immigrants.

"The order institutionalizes racism, and fosters an environment in which people racialised as Muslim are vulnerable to ongoing and intensifying acts of violence and hatred," said the petition.

"Among those affected by the order are academics and students who are unable to participate in conferences and the free communication of ideas. We the undersigned take action in solidarity with those affected."

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IN BRIEF

Budweiser plunges into immigration debate

In a commercial slated to air this Sunday during the NFL championship, Budweiser tells the story of its co-founder, Adolphus Busch, who immigrated from Germany in 1857. He braved a long voyage and xenophobia. "When nothing stops your dream," says the tagline. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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STEP UP

Feeling helpless? Don't stand by, step up. Here's the **Metro guide** to fighting Islamophobia and anti-refugee sentiment in your community.

MARCH

Supporting local groups demonstrating against Islamophobic policies and showing solidarity with refugees really counts: Showing up shows you care. Social media is the best way to find gatherings near you.

SIGN

The Canadian Civil Liberties Association has drafted a script people can use to ask their MP to act regarding the recent U.S. travel ban. Specific demands include increasing the number of refugees accepted by Canada this year and suspending the Canada-U.S. Safe Third Country Agreement. You can find it at **ccla.org**.

JOIN

Another great way to take action is to **invest your time**. There are plenty of community and non-profit groups that are working to end Islamophobia and racism, some which have been toiling away for years and others that have sprung up in response to recent waves of hate.

Calgary's **Syrian Refugee Support Group** is looking for volunteers to help teach English, babysit or chauffeur. Details at **yycsyr.ca.**

MEET

Get out of your comfort zone, expand your social network and try to reach out to people who don't look like you or share your views. You can start by introducing yourself to someone at a march, if you choose to attend.

SUPPORT

Many local organizations depend on donations to support refugees and newcomers in Calgary. One choice is the **Calgary Catholic Immigration Society**. You can support them at **cisab.ca/donate.**

GOT AN IDEA? Metro's on the hunt for stories about the ways people are taking action and waging love to fight the political climate of hate. Tweet us with the hashtag **#WageLove** or **email angela.mullins@metronews.ca**.

Most of your Trump jokes are seriously unfunny

David Berry

Among the cries of anguish and howls of outrage that have greeted Donald Trump's first, horrific week in office, there is still a persistent and pernicious sound emanating from his opposition: a haughty snicker. It is working to steadily undermine the edifices that are being built against policy pronouncements that have ranged from hideously short-sighted to openly opposed to the very spirit of free democratic society.

The giggle is unmistakable precisely because it was ever-present in the 18 months it took for Trump to go from laughingstock to leader of the free world (if we can still properly call it that, by the time he's done). It was the sound of "Drumpf" and every bad barroom impersonation, the snide chuckle that followed every mention of his ridiculous hair or allegiance to Omarosa.

If Trump's election, the very thing that seemed so laughable, choked it for a while, the complacency that has attended his actual ascent has allowed it to sneak back in. It came as a rising chuckle that he couldn't even get a Bruce Springsteen tribute band to play at his inauguration party. It sounded like a sharp snort as we shared side-by-side photos of his and Obama's swearing-in ceremonies. It sputtered up when we suggest he needed to hold Theresa May's hand because of his supposed fear of stairs.

These weak stabs at humour are not satire, an attempt to cast Trump in dark relief to reveal some underlying truth. They are its exact opposite: a fearful response to the reality of his stature, a blind hope that we might reduce it with a cutting remark. They replace a raised fist or finger with side-eye, something that might help the enlightened recognize and congratulate one another on their good taste.

The best that could be said about this tendency is it's a coping mechanism: We would rather feel above-it-all than angry or drowning in despair.

Politics are not a roast battle, least of all when the pillars of our liberal democratic political order are being sledgehammered. It might give you a momentary thrill to mock the hand size of the man doing the swinging. But however good your bon mots may make you feel, they haven't yet encouraged him to stop.

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Arnold Schwarzenegger blasted President Donald Trump's administration for making the United States look "stupid" with the travel ban.

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Don't fear the kitchen

RECIPES

These simple dishes can get all new chefs up and cooking

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

If you've never learned to cook beyond opening a can, fear not. We're here with some easy recipes everyone needs in their back pocket to get started. Now all you need to do is put some music on, pour yourself a glass of wine and get cooking.

Pasta

It's impossible to build a cooking rolodex (does anyone still have a rolodex?) without a kick-ass pasta dish. Here is that dish.

Aside from the joy a bowl of pasta brings to a belly, most dishes are easy to prepare since many noodles cook up quicker than it takes to wait for the water to boil. Also, pasta is a great foundation for any kind of flavour profile and is a complete meal in itself.

We love this **Creamy Pea Tagliatelle** for it's breezy but impressive sauce.

Makes: 4 servings; Prep time: 10 minutes; Cook time: 20 minutes.

Ingredients:

- 500 g tagliatelle pasta
- 2 cups frozen peas
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 onion, diced
- 3 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 cup creme fraiche
- 3 tsp chopped chives or flat-leaf parsley

Directions:

1. Cook the tagliatelle according to package directions. In the last minute of the pasta cooking process, drop the peas into the water. Drain both the pasta and peas.

2. Meanwhile, in a large skillet, heat the oil and sauté the onion and garlic for 5 minutes until fragrant. Stir in the creme fraiche. Add the pasta and peas, folding them with tongs to coat the pasta with the sauce. Sprinkle with chopped chives or flat-leaf parsley and serve.

There's no need to feel intimidated by any of these three simple and scrumptious dishes to get beginners cooking: (clockwise from top) Chinese 5-Spice Chicken Tray Bake, Creamy Pea Tagliatelle and Broccoli and Cheese Soup. PHOTOS: MAYA VISNYEI

Chicken

There's a reason chicken dishes are the most searched recipes on food websites. As proteins go, they're a great canvas for sflavours and easy to prepare.

This **Chinese 5-Spice Chicken Tray Bake** uses less-expensive thighs for budget-sensitive novices, and it features a cooking method ideal for new chefs — tray baking.

Allowing all your meal's ingredients to cook on the same baking sheet not only makes meal prep easier but, frankly, is a smart way to cook.

Makes: 4 servings; Prep time: 1 hour; Cook time: 20 minutes.

Ingredients:

- 3 Tbsp olive oil, plus extra for onions
- 4 to 5 garlic cloves, pressed
- 1 Tbsp rice vinegar
- 1 Tbsp brown sugar
- 1 tsp Chinese 5-spice
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 6 large skinless, boneless chicken thighs
- 2 onions, peeled and sliced
- 1 tsp fresh chopped cilantro

Directions:

1. Combine olive oil, garlic, rice vinegar, brown sugar, 5-spice and salt in a large resealable plastic bag. Add chicken thighs; seal and coat chicken with sauce. Chill at least 1 hour or overnight.

2. Preheat oven to 400. Slice and coat onion in a bit of olive oil. Spray baking sheet with non-stick cooking spray. Scatter onion slices on baking sheet.

3. Remove chicken from refrigerator and arrange on top of onion. Roast until chicken is cooked through, about 20 minutes.

4. Remove tray from oven and let cool for a few minutes. Sprinkle chicken and onion with cilantro and serve warm.

Soup

Let's be honest, you can't live in Canada and not have a soup dish you can call your own. And, yes, you should definitely take credit for this easy **Broccoli and Cheese Soup**.

SPICE RACK

Making delicious meals is simpler when you have a small but potent spice rack. Here's what you need beyond good old S&P.

- Chili Powder
- Cumin
- Cinnamon
- Curry Blend
- Dried Bay Leaves
- Dried Oregano

In addition to travelling well for lunches or snacks, soups use up lots of leftovers and can handle any amount of vegetables you can jam into them.

Plus, like this one, they only benefit from the addition of cheese.

Makes 4 servings; Prep time: 10 minutes; Cook time: 25 minutes.

Ingredients:

- 4 cups broccoli florets and stem (cut off tough ends) chopped fairly small
- 1 onion chopped
- 2 cups chopped, potato
- 2 cloves garlic minced
- 1 glug olive oil
- 4 cups stock (vegetable or chicken, low sodium)
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 1 cup grated cheddar
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan

salt and pepper to taste

Directions:

1. Sauté onion and garlic in a Dutch oven or other large, heavy-bottomed pot for about 5 minutes until soft.

2. Add vegetables and stock and allow to simmer for about 20 minutes until the vegetables are tender.

3. In small batches, ladle the broth and vegetables into your blender and puree. Pour each batch into a bowl as you go. Pour the puree back into your pot.

4. Over medium heat add milk and cheese and stir until the cheese melts. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Call for ban on adverts to battle childhood obesity

INDUSTRY CRITICISM

New report wants federal help in fight to limit marketing

Children and teens are bombarded with ads for restaurants, cakes, cookies, cereal, ice cream and much more. ISTOCK

In an effort to combat the rising tide of childhood obesity and promote healthier eating, the Heart and Stroke Foundation is calling on the federal government to pass legislation restricting food and beverage marketing to children.

"Given experts' prediction that today's children may be the first generation to have poorer health and shorter lifespans than their parents, we need to be bold," writes Diego Marchese, interim CEO and executive vice-president of Heart and Stroke, in the 2017 Report on the Health of Canadians released Wednesday.

Obesity rates in Canadian children have tripled since 1979 — one in three kids are now overweight or obese — putting them at greater risk for developing health problems such as heart disease, stroke, high blood pressure and diabetes, the report notes. It argues that restrictions on marketing to those under 16 would protect children, support parents and level the playing field for industry.

Industry's efforts over the past decade to self-regulate, through the Canadian Children's Food and Beverage Advertising Initiative, have been "a failure," says the report. "As long as regulation is optional, the playing field is not even. Even if the criteria were strong, companies that comply and put children's health first would be at a competitive disadvantage."

Calls for regulations have been made before. Heart and Stroke is part of the Stop Marketing to Kids Coalition started in 2014, which is made up of 11 non-governmental organizations, including Toronto Public Health.

And Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, in his 2015 mandate letter to Minister of Health Jane Philpott, said he expects her to promote public health by "introducing new restrictions on the commercial marketing of unhealthy food and beverages to children, similar to those now in place in Quebec."

The report also highlights Quebec, which has the highest vegetable and fruit intake among Canadian children and the lowest obesity rate among those aged 6 to 11. Legislation introduced there in 1980 banned commercial ads of goods and services to kids under age 13.

For its report, the foundation commissioned Monique Potvin Kent, an expert in food and beverage marketing to children. She reviewed the digital ads shown over a year on the top 10 websites aimed at children between the ages 2 and 11, and youth aged 12 to 17. Her research shows that more than 90 per cent of online food and beverage ads seen by children and teens are for unhealthy items high in fat, sodium or sugar.

Children and teens are bombarded with ads for restaurants, cakes, cookies, ice cream, cereal and sugar-sweetened beverages.

"There are many ads on TV directed at kids and it's even higher for teens, but there are only so many spots available, there is a limit," writes Potvin Kent, who is an assistant professor in the University of Ottawa's School of Epidemiology, Public Health and Preventive Medicine. "On the Internet, there are absolutely no limits."

25 million

The study found children between the ages of 2 and 11 see 25 million food and beverage ads, on their 10 favourite websites in a year.

Also included in the report was a survey of 2,401 Canadian adults interviewed online by Pollara Strategic Insights. It found that 70 per cent feel children are exposed to too many ads by the food and beverage industry, and 71 per cent think industry has an unfair advantage over parents when it comes to influencing what kids consume due to how much money it spends on ads.

David Ma, an associate professor at the University of Guelph's department of Human Health and Nutritional Sciences, welcomes the initiative. But, he adds, "There's no magic bullet."

"If (legislation) were implemented, obesity wouldn't go away overnight," Ma said. "If enacted, this would be one part of an overall strategy that we need to implement."

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JOHANNA SCHNELLER
WHAT I'M WATCHING

The actions of Mary (Caroline Dhavernas, right) imperils her relationship with daughter Jess (Abigail Winter). CONTRIBUTED

The vibe is what's really killing it

THE SHOW: Mary Kills People, Season 1, Episode 2
THE MOMENT: The stoop

Dr. Mary Harris (Caroline Dhavernas) secretly euthanizes terminal patients. Her quietly smart teenage daughter Jess (Abigail Winter) and Jess's minxy bestie Naomi (Katie Douglas) found a stash of Mary's drugs. Naomi tried some. Jess, who loves Naomi more than platonically, didn't like that. Now they're sitting side by side on a stoop.

"I hate when you're mad at me," Naomi says, snuggling against Jess. "Where'd you go last night?"

"I left because I hate watching you be a train wreck," Jess replies.

"The cocaine wasn't even that good," Naomi says. "Feel my heart." She puts Jess's hand on her chest and holds it there. Jess tries to hide her trembling.

Jess promises not to rat out Naomi if Naomi stops doing drugs. "You sound like your mom," Naomi says. "She knows about this?" Jess asks.

"Oh, yeah," Naomi says. "She totally covered for me, too."

What prevents the plot of this six-part miniseries from becoming repetitive — patients want to die so Mary kills them — is how imperiled Mary's relationships are by her actions. The vibe between these two characters is especially fascinating, thanks to the nuanced dance Winter and Douglas are doing.

Naomi = Trouble and it's not easy to play that without falling into clichés. But Douglas knows exactly when to make eye contact or touch Winter, and when to look or pull away. She draws her in with sincerity, then dominates her with her superior coolness. And that last little touch: undermining Jess's trust in her mother, before flouncing off to breakfast? Perfect.

Mary Kills People airs Wednesdays at 9 p.m. on Global.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

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THIS WEEK: A national staple that needs to be taken in moderation

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Farmer's Market Pecan Butter Tarts (1 tart)

Calories 360
Fat 17g
Saturated Fat 6g
Sugar 24g

HERE'S WHY

Equivalent in calories to a Wendy's Ultimate Chicken Grill Sandwich.

Butter tarts are a Canadian staple. The buttery, flaky crusts made predominately with shortening (which consists of palm oil and margarine), sugar and corn syrup give these petite desserts their nutritional weight. You can save half the calories, fat and saturated fat, as well as almost 2/3 of the sugar, by having a simple mini glazed donut that's made with less oil and sugar.

LIQUID ASSETS PETER ROCKWELL

From niche to Masters of Canada's whisky universe

While it's an honour to be nominated, winning is a lot more fun. By the looks of the pictures posted after the Canadian Whisky Awards in B.C. last week the makers of Masterson's 10 Years Old Straight Rye ($85.61-$105.70) would agree.

Named 2017's Canadian Whisky of the Year, Masterson's has gone from boutique tipple to the most sought-after spirit in the country virtually overnight. That's not the reason why finding a bottle of the award winner will be challenging.

Like many artisan spirits Masterson's is produced in small batches. In broad terms a batch to a whisky is what a vintage is to a wine. Though the name remains the same for both, the flavour profile will vary depending on the harvest for wine and distillation run for whisky.

Though the bottle I tried was from batch 001 (a winner in my book) it was batch PSA3-0035 you'll want to look for. That was the liquid that won Masterson's the prize.

Prices reflect the range across the country. Some products may not be available in all provinces.

BOWLED OVER

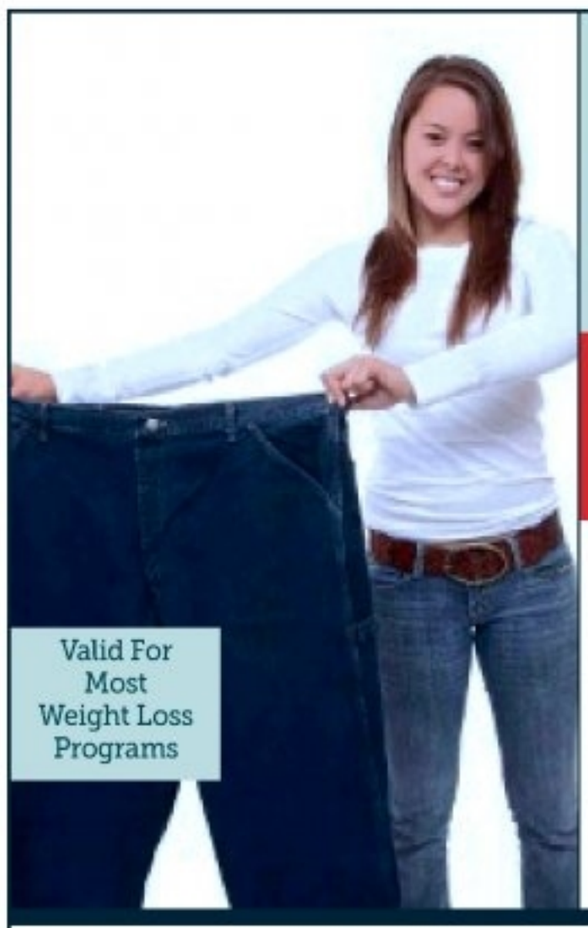
Snickers spend big on live Super Bowl advertisement

With 30 seconds of airtime setting you back a cool $5 million, it's little surprise that food giants are again going toe-to-toe in their annual Super Bowl commercial arms race.

Snickers have annually been one of the best at getting the most bang for their buck with Betty White and Willem Dafoe fronting viral hits. They are again trying to raise the bar Sunday with the game's first ever live ad.

While Snickers are doing their best to keep the wrappers on until game time, we do know it will star Force Awakens bad guy Adam Driver, a horse and a dead cowboy.

Skittles, Buffalo Wild Wings and Avocados From Mexico have also spent big. Meanwhile as flagship sponsors of Lady Gaga's halftime show, Pepsi will be pushing two of their healthier options — Pepsi Zero Sugar and LIFEWATR. METRO



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REVIEW

Bolt a fairly affordable entrance to the EV market

Dan Ilika
AutoGuide.com

Don't let the popularity of the Tesla Model S fool you: Electric vehicles aren't selling as well as perhaps they should be.

Get past range anxiety and long charging times, and the astronomical upfront cost of EV ownership is no doubt keeping plenty of potential buyers away. Automakers know this all too well, and a handful are working on electrified solutions that fit the needs — and budgets — of the masses. And the first of this new class of relatively affordable, everyday-friendly EVs to hit the market is the 2017 Chevrolet Bolt. The Bolt joins the alternative fuel fray with little doubt about its electric origins.

Because unlike the Volt, which features a gas engine (it doesn't send power to the wheels directly but essentially recharges the battery pack on the fly), the Bolt is powered purely by electrons. The 60-kilowatt-hour battery pack, a lithium-ion unit, spans the entire length of the car's cabin and can be plugged into Levels I, II or III charging stations. Using the former means long charging times, while the latter, known as DC Fast Charging, can top the battery up with 145 kilometres of range in about 30 minutes, or juice it up completely in about two hours.

Topping the battery up completely using a Level II charger, meanwhile, takes a little less than 10 hours and provides an estimated range of 383 kilometres.

Departing Menlo Park, Calif., with a fully charged battery our tester was more than fit for an extended tour of the rain-soaked San Francisco Bay Area. With a roundabout journey spanning about 160 km on the day's docket, battery life was of little concern.

With the instant torque provided by the electric powertrain, the Bolt offered impressive acceleration — a useful tool not for racing along city streets, but rather when passing and merging.

The electrified gusto did, however, combine well with the Bolt's responsive ride, a product of wheels that sit as near as possible to the corners, and low centre of gravity, created by the battery pack, to have a little bit of fun when called upon.

THE CHECKLIST | 2017 CHEVROLET BOLT REVIEW

THE BASICS

Motor: Single motor drive unit
Output: 200 hp, 266 lb-ft
Transmission: Fixed ratio
Battery Size: 60 kWh
Estimated Range: 383 kilometres
Price: Starts at $42,795 (before available incentives)

LOVE IT

- Silky smooth acceleration
- Relative lack of range anxiety
- Bright and open cabin

LEAVE IT

- Jarring regenerative brakes
- Cost of active safety options

Arnie does his small part in big car

WHEELS ROUNDUP
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MERCEDES-BENZ

Schwarzenegger hacks G-Wagen

When you're a world-renowned actor and former governor, you don't wait for Mercedes-Benz to make the car you want. Arnold Schwarzenegger recently took to Facebook to show off his latest new car, an all-electric Mercedes-Benz G-Wagen. If you're thinking the German automaker made a special one-off for Schwarzenegger, think again. The conversion was actually done by Kreisel Electric, a specialist for electromobility, and the SUV was presented to the public for the very first time at the Hahnenkamm race in Kitzbuhel, Austria. The actor is well known for his love of big, rugged SUVs, but at the same time, he's also a huge supporter of clean energy and clean cars. So instead of waiting for Mercedes to come out with an all-electric G-Wagen, he took matters into his own hands and had one created. The actor said the converted SUV has "500-some horsepower."

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CARSAVER

Walmart set to sell cars

North America's largest retailer is edging is way into automotive sales with the help of the nation's largest new-car dealership franchise, AutoNation. Launching in April, Walmart's CarSaver program will make it a middleman for impulse car buyers and local dealerships. CarSaver is designed to allow shoppers to browse, select, finance, and insure a vehicle through its website or at kiosks in the store.

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SUPER BOWL

Lil Buck dances with Lexus LC500

Lexus has revealed a new Super Bowl commercial called Man & Machine featuring the 2017 LC500 coupe. The campaign consists of an extended ad, which the automaker uploaded to YouTube and a 30-second version set to debut during the second quarter of Super Bowl LI on Feb. 2. Both ads feature a performance by movement artist Lil Buck along with music by recording artist Sia. Lexus says the ads are intended to recognize parallels "between the shapes and movements of the human form and the power and athleticism of Lexus' most premium models."

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Mark Johnson's 206-day #Letmecaddieforyou Twitter campaign is a success as Sergio Garcia will let the Englishman assist him in a Sept. 27 pro-am

LeBron on offence in war of words

NBA

Cavs star hits back against Barkley's criticism

Cavaliers forward LeBron James elevates for a dunk against Mavericks forward Dwight Powell on Monday night in Dallas. BRANDON WADE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LeBron James is done bowing to Sir Charles.

After he was criticized by Charles Barkley for questioning Cleveland's front office, James tore into the former NBA star and opinionated TV commentator on Monday night following a loss in Dallas. James not only countered what was said about him but he also attacked Barkley's character for some off-the-court missteps.

"I'm not going to let him disrespect my legacy like that," James told ESPN after the Cavs lost 104-97 to Dallas, dropping the defending champions to 7-8 in January. "I'm not the one who threw somebody through a window. I never spit on a kid. I never had unpaid debt in Las Vegas. I never said, 'I'm not a role model.' I never showed up to All-Star Weekend on Sunday because I was in Vegas all weekend partying.

"All I've done for my entire career is represent the NBA the right way. Fourteen years, never got in trouble. Respected the game. Print that."

Barkley has never been one to hold back his opinion on James or any other player, but the 11-time all-star was particularly critical of James last week after Cleveland's star complained about Cleveland's roster being "top-heavy" and questioning whether the team's front office was satisfied with one title.

Barkley said James was "whiny" and "inappropriate" and wondered about his motives. Barkley called James "the best player in the world" but wondered if he really wanted to compete. James initially dismissed Barkley, saying he was only trying to boost TV ratings. Barkley works as an in-studio host for TNT.

However, James decided he couldn't let those comments go and turned on Barkley, who never won an NBA title.

> **I'm tired of biting my tongue. There's a new sheriff in town.**
> LeBron James

"He's a hater. What makes what he says credible? Because he's on TV?" James said. "I know he wanted to retire a long time ago, but he can't. He's stuck up on that stage every week."

James also said if Barkley wants to continue any discussion, he knows where to find him.

"If this makes him want to talk to me, the schedule's out there," James said. "He knows every road arena I'll be in. Don't just come up to me at all-star and shake my hand and smile." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NFL

Kraft fires shots over Deflategate

Robert Kraft is pulling his punches over "Deflategate."

Well, some of them.

While the New England Patriots owner and once close confidant of NFL commissioner Roger Goodell wants to celebrate yet another trip to the Super Bowl this week, he also couldn't back down from a challenge Monday night to address the whole mess. So Kraft took a couple of shots during the Patriots' availability, yet also made sure not to temper the festive mood.

> **There's a time and a place to talk about problems. I'm going to stay focused on being here.**
> Robert Kraft

"Everybody wants to protect their family," Kraft said about the deflated footballs case from the 2014 AFC championship game that resulted in Tom Brady's four-game suspension, a $1-million fine for the franchise and the loss of its first-round draft pick in 2016.

"I think our family was involved, or accused of being involved, in something that was mishandled and became inappropriate. Sometimes in a complicated situation in business, people start pointing fingers, and we want to assure everyone that we are together."

Kraft then cited a Hebrew saying from the Old Testament.

"When tough times come," he translated, "there's nothing bad that happens that doesn't have good associated with it.

"In a way, that galvanized our team." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OBITUARY

Canadian golf hall of famer dies at 79

Golfer Betty Stanhope-Cole, who won the 1957 national women's amateur championship and represented Canada five times in international competition over her long career, has died. She was 79.

Stanhope-Cole, a Calgary native, died last Friday after a brief battle with cancer, Golf Canada said Tuesday in a news release.

Stanhope-Cole won the Canadian junior girls championship in 1956 and played for Canada at the world amateur team championship on three occasions (1964, 1974, 1976). She also played at the Commonwealth team championship in 1963 and 1971 and was inducted into the Canadian Golf Hall of Fame in 1991. THE CANADIAN PRESS

SERVICE

A celebration of life will be held at Highlands Golf Club in Edmonton on Feb. 13.

NHL

Rangers, Vigneault tack on 2 more years

Alain Vigneault has a record of 175-98-23 with the Rangers after Tuesday's 6-4 loss against the Blue Jackets. CHRISTIAN PETERSEN/GETTY IMAGES

Alain Vigneault didn't have to think long about whether he wanted an extension with the New York Rangers. So it was all settled pretty quickly.

Vigneault and the Rangers announced a new two-year deal Tuesday that runs through the 2019-20 season.

"It was a pretty easy decision as far as you're a coach and you want to have a chance and you got a first-class organization," the 55-year-old Vigneault said.

Vigneault was under contract through next season under the five-year deal he signed in June 2013.

1,100

Vigneault coached his 1,100th game last week.

He said general manager Jeff Gorton initially brought up the topic of an extension last summer because he didn't want the coach going into a lame-duck season. Talks began about a month ago.

"Rangers, Original Six (team), you don't get much better than this," Vigneault said. "When we go on the road there's a cult (following) there. It's a lot like when I was with the (Montreal Canadiens). I know I need to continue to get better and that's what I'm trying to do."

Vigneault is 175-98-23 with the Rangers after Tuesday night's 6-4 loss to Columbus. In addition to Montreal, he also previously coached the Vancouver Canucks. Vigneault led New York to the Stanley Cup Final in 2014 in his first season with the team. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Bills won't retain NFL's first female assistant coach

The Buffalo Bills will not retain Kathryn Smith, the first full-time female assistant coach in the NFL.

Smith is one of 14 assistants who will not remain on new coach Sean McDermott's staff, the Bills announced on Tuesday. McDermott was hired on Jan. 11 to replace Rex Ryan, who was fired prior to the Bills' season finale.

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Police ready for protests at Super Bowl, says chief

Houston Police Chief Art Acevedo says authorities are ready to handle any protests that might occur during Super Bowl week in response to President Donald Trump's executive order on refugees and immigration.

Acevedo said that dealing with the potential for demonstrations has always been part of security planning efforts.

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MAKE IT TONIGHT

Spicy Enchilada Stuffed Sweet Potatoes

PHOTO: MAYA VISNYEI

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

You won't miss the taco shell once you combine sweet potatoes with a meat filling that delivers rich flavours.

Ready in 1 hour
Prep time: 30 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 4 medium sweet potatoes
- 1 Tbsp oil
- 1 onion, diced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 lb ground beef
- ¼ tsp salt
- 1 Tbsp chili powder
- 1 tsp cumin
- ¼ tsp ground dry mustard
- ¼ tsp cinnamon
- ¼ tsp garlic salt
- ¼ tsp dried oregano
- ½ a 156 ml can of tomato paste
- butter
- Monterey Jack Cheese
- sour cream
- cilantro

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Scrub sweet potatoes and pierce a few times with a fork. Place on baking sheet and bake 40 – 45 minutes, until easily pierced with a fork.

2. Meanwhile, add oil to a medium-sized pan over medium-low heat. Add garlic and onion and sauté until tender, about 5 minutes. Add beef to the pan, sprinkle with salt and sauté until cooked through. Drain fat if needed/desired. Add chili powder, cumin, mustard, cinnamon, garlic salt and oregano and stir. Add tomato paste and stir again until incorporated. Simmer for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.

3. Remove potatoes once they've cooked through, slice down middle and, using a fork, break up filling and add a bit of butter. Spoon enchilada filling over top. Dress with additional toppings and enjoy

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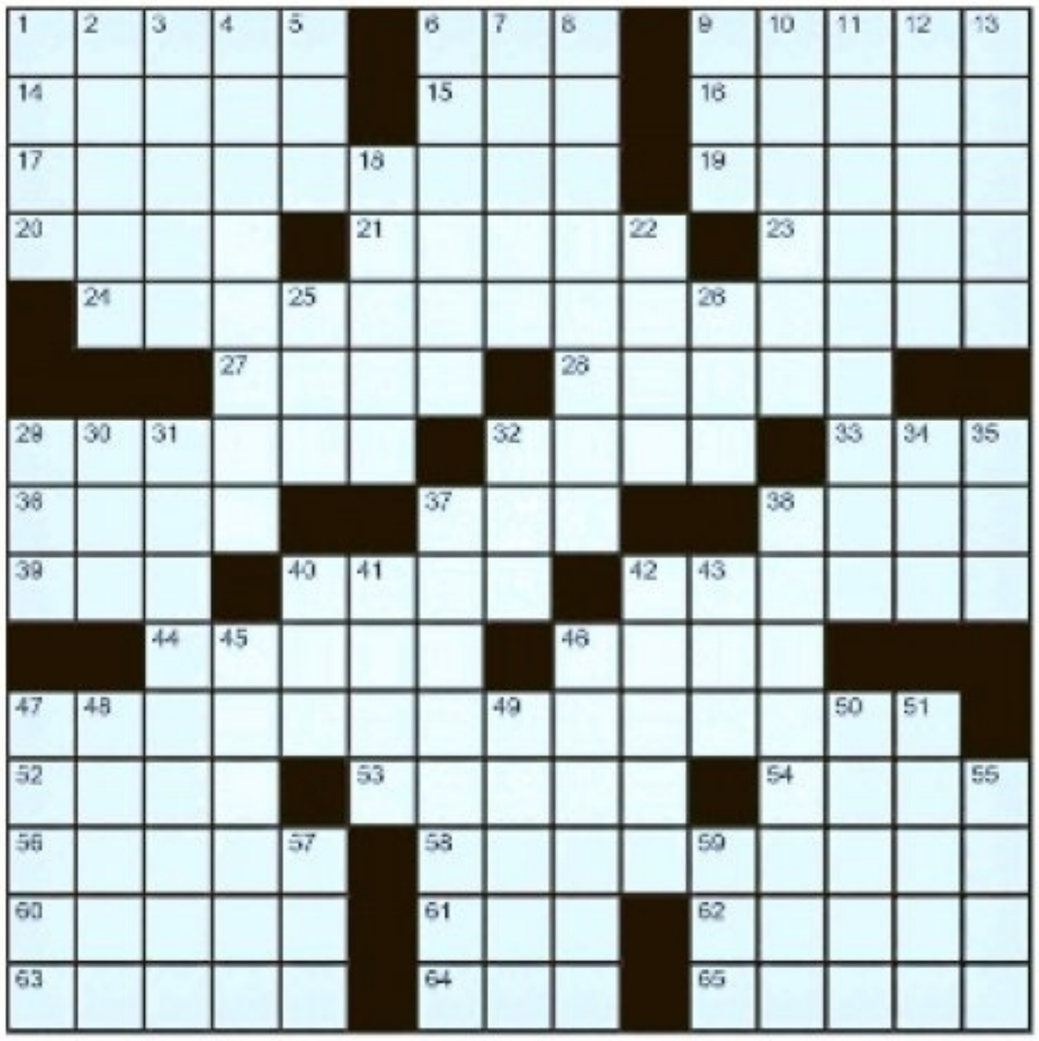
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



ACROSS
1. Renault 5 supermini, as it was also known: 2 wds.
6. 'Start With Trust' is this org.'s slogan
9. Willie of "Charles in Charge"
14. "It's __ to the finish!"
15. Swiss river, variantly
16. Letting-in-the-cold problem
17. Soup/salad/sandwich setting
19. Astrology sign
20. Lhasa __ (Small dog)
21. Open, as a cage
23. Eight: Spanish
24. Montreal-born "Shark Tank" star Kevin O'Leary recently became a candidate for the what in Canadian politics?: 2 wds.
27. Everly Brothers: "All I Have to __ Dream"
28. Expletive eliminator
29. Gain more sense: 2 wds.
32. Orbison and Rogers
33. Noun modifier, briefly
36. Listen
37. White tie suit, commonly
38. Between harbours
39. "Little __ lot?" (Quantity query)
40. "Dirty Jobs" host Mike
42. Coffee machine's daily change
44. Play the radio loudly
46. Release-from-jail money
47. Waterway between mainland Labrador and Newfoundland island: abbr. + wd. + wd. + wd.
52. Linked
53. Flight segment
54. Pub order
56. The end.
58. Super-small
60. Moved as molasses
61. Utmost degree
62. Someone sore
63. Fashion designer's creation
64. "__ whiz!"
65. Tractor company, John __

DOWN
1. "__ Land" (2016)
2. Spew as a volcano
3. Nova Scotia community near Chedabucto Bay
4. Granted via agreement
5. Showbiz practice run, briefly
6. 'B.' of US President Lyndon B. Johnson's name
7. "La __" by Ritchie Valens
8. Loaf storer
9. Dictionary abbr.
10. Song-like
11. Go by in the parade: 2 wds.
12. D-J link
13. Brownstone stairway
18. Spring flower
22. Be dependent
25. Toi: English
26. Home [abbr.]
29. UN wellness agency
30. Occupational suffix
31. Beach's refreshing wind: 2 wds.
32. Regret
34. Actor, Billy __ Williams
35. Jam container
37. President Trump's techie hobby
38. Seasoning in jerk chicken
40. Brit. fliers
41. Eyeballs
42. Figure in enchanted tales, olde-style
43. Sundial number
45. Family of Archie's comical friend Veronica
46. __ Spirit (Noel Coward play)
47. Rose to one's feet
48. Indian Ocean arm, __ Sea
49. Espresso style
50. Willowy
51. Participate
55. Pericles, Prince of __
57. Dates not as ancient as BCs
59. Edible no longer

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Today, you have the advantage over all the other signs because the Moon is in your sign. This means you can ask the universe for a favour. (It also makes you more emotional than usual.)

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You will prefer to work alone or behind the scenes today, and that's just fine. You have been so high-viz lately that you need some privacy.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You will enjoy schmoozing with others today, especially a female acquaintance. You might discuss future travel plans with someone, because you definitely need a change of scenery.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Private details about your personal life might become public today for some reason. People are talking about you. Let's hope it's good stuff. (Fingers crossed.)

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Do something different today, because you are restless and in the mood for a bit of adventure. Obviously, if you can travel somewhere, this will please you.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Focus on red-tape details regarding inheritances, taxes, debt and shared property. Get information so that you can better handle disputes about these matters.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Because the Moon is opposite your sign today, this means you have to go more than halfway when dealing with others. In two weeks, when the Moon is in your own sign, you have the edge.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Do whatever you can to get better organized today, because this will please you. Tidy up messy areas both at home and at work.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
This is a playful, flirtatious day for you! Enjoy schmoozing with others. Sports events, fun activities with children and social outings will delight.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Home, family and your personal life are your top priorities today. A conversation with a female relative (Mom?) could be significant.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
When talking to others today, you want to get down to the nitty-gritty of things. You don't want superficial chitchat about the weather. You also want to express your feelings.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Money and financial issues are your concerns today. However, be careful if you are shopping, because you might shop according to your wishes, which really are not practical. Keep your receipts.

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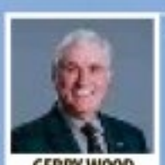
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